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Mr. BAVIUS,

WE are told, it hath been lately obſerved by a French-man of diſtinction, that *Enthuſiaſm is as catching as the plague*. This obſervation has led me to conſider *Enthuſiaſm* as an epidemical diſtemper; and alſo briefly to enquire into ſome of its kinds, in order to propoſe a cure for one ſpecies of it, with which this great city is at preſent infected. By *Enthuſiaſm*, I mean, any exorbitant monſtrous appetite of the human mind, hurrying the will in purſuit of an object, without the concurrence, or againſt the light of right reaſon, or what is generally called common ſenſe.

We are told, that the Dutch, who know the value of money better than all their neighbours, grew at one time ſo fond of tulips, that their richeſt merchants were in danger of being ruined by the exceſſive prices, which in their frenzy they gave for tulips of uncommon colours. This was called Τυλιππομανία, *Tulippomany*, or an infatuation in favour of *Tulips*.

Our anceſtors were viſited with this diſeaſe in a religious form about ninety years ago; and it cauſed miſerable havock in that generation. About fiveteen years ſince, the *delirium* aſſumed the ſhape of a merchant; and having firſt done abundance of miſchief in France, it came over (like our faſhions) and cruelly ravaged this metropolis, and the whole nation. At preſent we are infected with an Ἐμπειρικομανία, *Empiricomany*, or an infatuation in favour of *Empiriciſm* or *Quackery*. As ninety years ago our fore-fathers hazarded their ſouls by a miſguided zeal to ſave them; and as in the year 1720, great numbers were undone by a groundleſs attempt to increaſe their fortunes at the rate of a thouſand per cent. ſo now we ſee multitudes give up health and life itſelf into the hands of *ignorant pretenders*, who daily demonſtrate that the *Catholicon* of an Empiric is more dangerous than a complication of diſtempers.

To put ſome ſtop to this growing evil, I believe it may be proper that the world ſhould be told, that our laws are not ſilent on this head. And indeed it would be abſurd to ſuppoſe, that the law ſhould make effectual proviſion for the ſecurity of our liberty and property, and ſhould take no care of our lives: that I ſhould be able to maintain an action againſt an ignorant *Smith*, who pricks my horſe in ſhoeing him; and that there ſhould be no remedy againſt a *Quack*, who attempting to remove ſome ſlight ailment, through downright ignorance poiſons me. In this caſe the party injured can not have his action, becauſe debarred from that remedy by the very miſchief fallen upon him, *viz.* his death by the ignorance of the pretended phyſician. But law and reaſon teach us, that ſuch an *irregular and miſchievous practitioner* may be called, at the King's ſuit, to anſwer for the life of a ſubject; and for the ſame reaſon ought to anſwer the widow or heir in an appeal of death. *Lord* COKE in his 4th *Inſtitute* 251, tells us. 'If *one that is of the myſterie of a phyſician* 'takes a man in cure, and giveth him ſuch phyſick as *within three days he die thereof*, without any 'felonious intent, and againſt his will, it is no *homicide*. And then he proceeds to cite BRITTON, 'That if *one 'that is* NOT *of the myſtery of a phyſician or chirurgeon*, 'take upon him the cure of a man, and *he dieth of the 'potion or medicine*, this is COVERT FELONY'. And he alſo cites the *Mirrour* to the ſame purpoſe. *Serjeant* HAWKINS, in his firſt book of *Pleas of the Crown*, Ch. xxxii. Sect. 61, 62. writes that, 'Where killing happens in the 'execution of an *unlawful action, where no miſchief was 'intended at all*, it is ſaid, that if a perſon happens to occaſion *the death* of another, *inadviſedly doing any idle 'wanton action*, which can not but be *attended with the 'manifeſt danger* of ſome other; as by riding with a 'horſe known to be uſed to kick among a multitude of 'people, by which he means no more than *to divert himſelf*, by putting them in a fright; he is *guilty of* 'MURTHER.' Then he proceeds to ſay, 'Alſo it has 'been antiently holden, that if a perſon NOT DULY *authorized to be a phyſician or ſurgeon*, undertake a cure, 'and the patient die under his hand, he is *guilty of fe'lony*: but inaſmuch as the books wherein this opinion 'is holden, were written before *the ſtatute of* 23 HEN. VIII. which firſt excluded ſuch felonious killing, as 'may be called *wilfull murder of malice prepenſe*, from 'the benefit of the clergy, it may be well queſtioned, 'whether ſuch killing ſhall be ſaid to be of *malice pre'penſe*, within the intent of that *ſtatute*'. And a little lower he ſays, 'And indeed the law cannot well be too 'ſevere in this caſe, in order to deter *ignorant people* from 'endeavouring to get a livelihood by ſuch practice, 'which can not be followed without *the manifeſt hazard 'of the lives* of thoſe who have to do with them'. I have cited this learned writer in his own words, that the public may ſee, he has no doubt that the crime under our preſent conſideration is *man-ſlaughter* at leaſt, if not *murther*: and let our Empirics remember, and the injured families take notice, that two ſucceſſive convictions of *man-ſlaughter* only, intitle the criminal to Tyburn as effectually as one conviction of *murther*.

Our anceſtors did not think fit to reſt the ſafety of the ſubjects upon the policy of the Common Law alone, but have made ſeveral acts of parliament for regulating the practice of phyſic: and for that purpoſe the COLLEGE *of Phyſicians in London* was incorporated in the tenth year of king HEN. VIII. with ample powers in their Charter; which Charter was confirmed by act of parliament in the 14th year of the ſame king. By theſe, it is granted among other things, 'That *no body* ſhall exerciſe 'the faculty of phyſick *in* LONDON, *or within ſeven miles 'round it*, unleſs he be admitted thereto by the preſident 'and community of the ſaid *College*, for the time being, 'under their common ſeal, under the penalty of *one hundred ſhillings for every month* in which he ſhall ſo exerciſe the ſaid faculty, a moiety to the king, the other 'moiety to the preſident and College'. And it is farther granted, 'That *the preſident and College* may yearly chuſe '*four* who ſhall have the ſurvey and ſcrutiny, correction 'and government *of all and ſingular the phyſicians of the 'ſaid city*, uſing the faculty of medicine in the ſaid 'city, and of other *foreign phyſicians whatſoever* uſing 'that faculty within the ſaid city and ſuburbs, or *within the compaſs of ſeven miles*, and the puniſhment of 'them for their faults, in not well executing, doing 'and uſing the ſame; and alſo the ſurvey of all medicines and recipes; ſo that the puniſhment of ſuch phyſicians, ſo making default in the premiſes, may be executed by *fines, amerciaments, and impriſonments* of their 'bodies, and by other fit and reaſonable ways'.

The ſaid act of parliament confirms the Charter in all things, and further enacts, 'That there be *eight Elects* 'of the ſaid College; and that *no perſon* ſhall thenceforth be ſuffered to practiſe in phyſick *through England*, 'untill ſuch time that he be *examined at* LONDON *by the preſident and three of the Elects*, and to have from the *preſident or elects Letters teſtimonials* of their approving 'and examination, except he be *a graduate of Oxford 'or Cambridge*, which hath accompliſhed all things for 'his form *without grace*'.

This Charter and act of parliament have been enforced and carried into execution in numberleſs inſtances, againſt the ſeveral ſorts of perſons prohibited therein; and have often come in queſtion in Weſtminſter-hall, and the execution of the powers therein hath been affirmed, as often as the ſaid powers have been duly purſued. Indeed in Doctor BONHAM's *Caſe* in 8. *Co.* f. 114, &c. BROWNL. 255, &c. the College miſtook one power for the other. Their power by the letters patents and act of parliament, was to *fine* and *impriſon for* male-practice, *pro delictis ſuis in non bene exequendo, &c.* and they impriſoned BONHAM (who was a Cambridge doctor of phyſic) for practiſing phyſic not being duly licenced, and having been forbidden by the College, being deemed inſufficient upon his examination; which practiſing without licence, made him liable only to the penalty of *five pounds* per month. But in the ſame year, viz. 6. JAC. 1. the College went the right way to work with one GARDENER; they brought an action of debt for 5 l. per month upon the ſaid ſtatute againſt him, for practiſing without a licence, and they had judgment, 2 *Cro.* 121, 159. and in the 7th of king CHARLES I. they maintained the like action againſt BUTLER, and had judgment therein, which was affirmed on a Writ of error; it was for 60 l. for twelve months practice without licence. *Sir* W. JONES, *Rep.* pag. 261. and *Cro. Car.* 256. and LITTLETON's *Rep.* 168, 212, 246. and in TENANT's *Caſe*, in 2 BULSTRODE 185. the College recovered ſixty pounds for his practiſing twelve months without a licence. There are many other *Caſes* of the unlicenced practitioners in the books, I ſhall only mention two more. The College &c. againſt BUSH, 3 GUL. III. for practiſing phyſic in Weſtminſter; here the defendant eſcaped, becauſe they did not ſay, that Weſtminſter was *within ſeven miles of London*; 4 *Mod.* 47. and the College againſt SALMON on the ſame ſtatute, 14 H. 8. c. 5. for practiſing without licence. Several objections were taken in this Caſe to the form of the pleadings, but they were over-ruled, and the plaintiff had judgment, 5 *Mod.* 327, 328. and 2 *Salk.* 451.

I now proceed from the unlicenced practitioners, to thoſe who practice *dangerouſly* or *inſufficiently*, *in non bene exequendo, &c.* I find ſome of theſe at ſeveral times patronized by ſome of the greateſt men of the age; and the College at all times inſiſting, that they are bound by their oaths to reſtrain and ſuppreſs them. I ſhall for the preſent deſire room for the copy of one *Letter*, and of the *Anſwer* of the College to it, out of many that are to be found to the like effect among the *Archives* of that learned Society.

To our verie loving frends the Preſident and Cenſors of the College of Phyſitions.

'After our verie hartie commendations; Whereas I 'underſtand that you have of late committed to priſon 'one PAULE BUCK, a practitioner in Phyſick and Surgerie, for exerciſing the ſame, without a diſpenſation 'from you: for as much as I am crediblie enfourmed, 'that the man hath doon much good in his ſaid profeſſion, and is otherwiſe of a verie good and honeſt diſpoſition; I am therefore mooved, verie earneſtlie to praie you, that you wil be content, the rather for my ſake, to yeeld to his enlargement, and not further hereafter to moleſt him upon this occaſion. For the which you ſhall make me beholding unto you; and finde me ready to requite it towards you. And ſo I commit you to God. From the Coort at *Greenwich* this 10th of *February*, 1589.

Your very loving freend,

FRA. WALSINGHAM.

To the right honourable Sir FRA. WALSINGHAM, knight, *principal ſecretary to her majeſtie.*

'Right honorable, Whereas it hath pleaſed you to 'write unto us in the behalf of one PAULE BUCK, *an 'ignorant and audacious practitioner in Phyſick*, perceaving that your Honor hath been miſenformed as well of the man, as of the manner of our dealing with him: 'We have therefore ſent our Preſident, and ſome of our 'Society with him to attend your Honor's leaſure, 'and to deliver the true report thereof. Moſt humbly 'beſeeching you, That for ſo much as we are *by oath 'and conſcience tied* to do that which we do; and for 'that the inconveniencies are intolerable which daily fall 'out by the ſuffering and ſupporting ſuch *vagrant and looſe perſons*, altogether *unskilfull* in that wherein they make a *coolorable* profeſſion; it might ſtand with your Honor's pleaſure and good likeing, to leave it to our diſcretion and liberty, as much as in us lieth, by all good orderly means poſſible to reſourme the ſame. Proteſting unto your Honor, That as we take ſmall delight 'in puniſhing the *ignorant*, ſo to all ſuch as be *honeſt 'and learned* we will always be moſt ready and willing 'to ſhew what courteſie ſhall lie in our ſmall power. 'And ſo, &c.

There is alſo a *Letter* from the Lord High Admiral to the College, in behalf of the ſame PAULE BUCK, offering them a fine and a yearly payment, if they would licence this BUCK; which by their anſwer, they utterly refuſe to complie with, becauſe of the man's *ignorance*.

There are alſo among the ſaid *Archives* hundreds of inſtances of perſons committed for *male-practice*, ſeveral of which brought their *Habeas corpus*, but could not be delivered.

[*To be continued.*]

The XXIV ODE of ANACREON.

On himſelf.

Since mortal born, to run confin'd
The little race of life aſſign'd,
I know the ſpace already gone,
But not, what ſtill remains to run;
All cares, avaunt! 'twixt you and me,
Henceforth no commerce let there be. 5

E'er yet the goal I reach; and Death
Stop all my pleasure, with my breath;
I'll jest, I'll laugh, I'll dance, I'll play,
With comely Bacchus all the day. D. D.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Post-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Post.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiser.*
LP. *London Daily Post.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Post.*
LE. *London Evening Post.*

THURSDAY, *Ap.* 17. Yesterday his excellency the Chevalier d' Osiorio, envoy extraordinary from the king of Sardinia, gave a grand entertainment, &c. it being the birth day of his Sardinian majesty. *P.*——Who entered into his 35th year. *DJ.*

At the election yesterday of Directors of the East-India Company, the contest was only between Rob. Adams, Esq; Mr. John Emmerson, and Steph. Bisse, Percival Lewis, Esqrs; the 2 former had 222 votes; the 2 latter 216. *DJ.*

Yesterday the coroner's jury sat upon the body of Mr. Eames, and brought in their verdict *Wilful murder.* *DP.* —— Two surgeons extracted two balls out of his head. *P. DA.* — Two slugs. *DJ.* — The jury adjourned till to morrow. *P. DJ.* ——— He had not been at the Long-room at Hampstead, there having been no public play there this season. *DA* ——— He was seen about 8 on monday night at Charing-cross and Covent-garden. *LP.*

Yesterday a messenger arrived express from Ilchester-goal in Somersetshire, with an account, that Gregory was secured there. *DJ.* —— Taken at Threlfield, together with Turpin. *DA.*

Married, a few days ago, Will. Warren, Esq; of Trewern in Pembrokeshire, to Miss Skirm of Lowaden, a lady of 2000l. per ann. *DP.*

Died yesterday in Salisbury-court, Sir Tho. Moore, Bar. *P. LP.* ——— In St. Bride's Court. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *Apr.* 18. Yesterday it was declared at Court, that it was uncertain whether his majesty will make the tour of Hanover this summer or not. *LP.*

A few days ago Capt. Digby Dent sailed from Spithead for the West-Indies with the squadron under his command, to relieve Sir Chaloner Ogle with his squadron, who are ordered to return home with speed. *DP.*

Yesterday about 2, the procession of the antient and honourable society of free and accepted masons, passed from Grosvenor-square to Mercers-hall, where a grand dinner was provided for them. The procession began with 1 kettle drum, 4 trumpets, 2 French horns, 2 hautboys, 2 bassoons, all on white horses. The music had all leather aprons and white gloves. After these 6 coaches with the 12 stewards with their white wands, followed by an infinite number of gentlemens coaches, the officers of each lodge distinguished by the proper badges, pendent to ribbons, as squares, levels, plumets, &c. some silver, others gold, the lord Visc. Weymouth grand master and grand wardens closing the procession. *DA. LP.*

The same day being the anniversary meeting of the children educated in all the Charity-schools, they went to S. Sepulchre's church, and heard a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Pierce. *C.*—— About 4000. *DP.*

On monday last a poor woman at Kensington Gravelpits went into a field to gather some young turnip tops, but was surprized by a farmer near Brumpton, who beat her in so violent a manner that she died, and the Coroner's jury brought in their verdict *Wilful murder*; upon which the farmer is gone off. *DP.* ——— A noted and wealthy farmer at Alice Court near Hammersmith. *DA*

Married yesterday Geo. Egerton of Tetton in Cheshire, to Miss Christian Ward, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and a good fortune. *P.* ——— Daughter of John Ward, Esq; the great conveyancer: a lady of 15000 l. fortune. *LP.*

Died yesterday at Little Chelsea, in his 27th year, John Charlton of Darlton in Yorkshire, Esq; *C.*

SATURDAY, *Apr.* 19. We hear his majesty has been pleased to appoint his grace the duke of Athol to be colonel of a regiment of dragoons, lately Gen. Evans.—— And the right hon. the earl of Crawford, to be commander of a regiment of foot in the Leeward islands, lately Gen Jones. *C.*

His royal highness the prince hath purchased the Stable-yard at Windsor, for 2000l. *LP.*

Yesterday at a board of Admiralty the Preston man of war was put into commission, and Capt. Cottrell appointed commander. *DP.* —— Cotterell: a 50 gun ship. *P.* —— Capt. Fox was appointed commander of the Alderney Sloop, and Lieut. Faulkner to succeed him to the Bridgewater fireship. *P.*

On thursday night the lord Visc. Tyrconnel and Mr. Clare of Warwickshire were elected fellows of the Royal Society. *DP.*

On thursday the lady Hillsborough arrived from Bullogne; and last night Dr. Douglas from Holland. *LP.*

Yesterday the City of London presented a petition to the hon House of Commons for restraining the number of Play-houses. *P. DJ.* ——— A petition also was presented, signed by several justices of the peace, in behalf of the bill for restraining, &c. *DJ.*

Jos. Wordsworth, Esq; is appointed chairman, and Sir Will. Billers deputy chairman to the East-India Company. *DJ.*

Yesterday being the birth-day of Frederick, king of Sweden, who then entered into his 60th year, the same was solemniz'd, &c. by his excellency Baron Sparre, the Swedish minister here. *DP.*

Died yesterday morning, in New Bond-street, Jac. Jones, nephew of the late general, said to have died worth 15,000 l. and 2000 l. per ann. *P.* ——— Tuesday at Roehampton in Surry Geo. Winch, Esq; *C.*

Yesterday morning one Capt. Hughes was found dead in Three-Falcon Court, Fleet-street. He was in liquor, and falling down was suffocated. *DA.*

MONDAY, *Ap.* 21. Yesterday their majesties, &c. heard divine service performed by the rev. Dr. Tyrwet. —— Dr. Tyrwhit peached. *DJ. DA.* —— Dr. Terry, canon of Christ-church, Oxford, preached before their majesties, &c. *P.* —— The rev. Mr. Burton preached before his highness the duke, &c. *DJ.*

The sum of money which the king of Portugal has agreed to lend the emperor, has been brought to England in species, and last week our merchants remitted 3 millions of florins. *DA.* —— *My brother* LP. *on Ap.* 14, *appropriated this money to the* buying of ammunitions of war for the king of Portugal.

On saturday Lieut. Col. Mordaunt was chosen member of parliament for Whitchurch in Hants. *LP.* ——— without opposition. *C.*

At the quarter sessions at Norwich last week, Mr. Warner acquainted the gentlemen, that Sir John Wodehouse was determined to defend his deceased son's election to the last, in case the petition should not be withdrawn. *DA.*

A few days since a lady's lap dog run mad, and has bit all the family; so that her ladyship receives no visits, nor are any of the family permitted to go abroad. *P.* —— *It is to be* hoped, *that her* ladyship's *human family was but small.*

The lords of the Admiralty have appointed John Gascoigne, Gent. Capt. Tho. Fox, and Capt. Falkner, to be commanders of the Aldborough, Drake sloop, and Griffin fire ship. *P.*

Capt. Eams was interred on saturday night in Pancras church-yard in a very private manner. It is believed that he shot himself; he having appeared very much vexed and troubled for 5 days before. *P.* ——— In a decent manner: neither his wife or relations were at the funeral. *DP.* —— On friday night a porter, who said he ply'd about the Royal Exchange, came to Mr. Grub at the Three tuns, told him he was Capt. Eames's first cousin, and produced the coroner's warrant for burying him; and on saturday a coffin was brought, and the corps tumbled into it, &c. *DA.*

On saturday the sessions ended at the Old Bailey, when 5 persons received sentence of death, viz. — Dan. Stockman, *alias* Macquin, for stealing from Will. Hawkins, Esq; a silver-hilted sword, value about 3 l. ——— Eliz. Grinley, for robbing *Rog.* Brown of a guinea, 3 half guineas, and half a crown, near Old Bethlehem. ——— Tho. Symonds, for assaulting and robbing John Steygold of a watch value about 6 l. ——— Esther Barret, for stealing out of the shop of Ben. Godfrey, a card of gold rings. [a case of gold rings. *LP.*] —— And Eliz. Tee, for the murder of her bastard child. ——— Grindley and Barret pleaded their bellies, and were found not quick with child. Three were burnt in the hand. *C. DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

Married on friday at S. Anne's Soho, And. Cummins, Esq; an Irish gentleman, to Mrs. De Furrieu, widow of a merchant at Bristol, with a fortune of 4000 *l. P.*

On saturday night, a woman, intoxicated with liquor, flung her child about a quarter old into a channel in Blackfryars, and stampt upon it, that it died in a short time: she was sent to the Compter. *C.*

TUESDAY, *Ap.* 22. His majesty has declar'd his intention of setting out for Hanover on the 20th of next month, or sooner if possible. *DA.* —— This day his majesty will go to the House of Peers. *DP.* —— He will not go. *P. DA.*

We hear Sir Marmaduke Wyvil is made clerk of his majesty's most hon. Privy council in Ireland. *LP.* —— George Crofts, Esq; is appointed captain of a company in the regiment of foot, commanded by Col. Philips in Newfoundland. *P.*

We hear that lord Limerick is chosen without opposition for the borough of Wendover, in the county of Bucks. *DJ.*

On saturday the Stepney feast was kept at the feast room over-against the church: a report was made of the application of the last year's collection, being 97 l. 6 s. and the collection after dinner amounted to 96 l. 16 s. 6 d. *DJ. DA.*

Salisbury, Apr. 20. Yesterday one Tho. Brown was apprehended, for begging with a counterfeit certificate of his having suffered upwards of 600 l. loss by fire at Sherfield in the county of Southampton, under the hands and seals of Sir John Cope, Sir Anth. Sturt, and Anth. Chute, Esq; &c. on examination he confessed the whole matter, and was committed to our city prison. *LP.*

Yesterday a man was committed prisoner to the Savoy for enlisting Men into foreign service. *LP.*——— One Andrew Clark was committed to Newgate for inlisting 22 Men, in order to recruit the Irish regiments in France. *DP.*

Died, Yesterday morning at Kensington, in a very advanced age, Jacob Man Esq, a gentleman of a plentiful estate. —— The same morning in Brook-street, John Rawlinson of Peterborough Esq; *P.*

Mr. Windham, of Leather-lane Holborn, a man of good Reputation was found drowned yesterday in one of the ponds near Islington. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Apr.* 23. His majesty has been pleased to appoint the right hon. the marquess of Lothian, to be his high commissioner to the church of Scotland. *DP. DA. LP.*——— The right hon. Sir Cha. Wager to command the squadron which is to convey his majesty over to Helvoetsluys. *DP.* ——— And the Lord Harrington to attend him to Hanover. *DA.*

Yesterday the right hon. the lord mayor, drank to Will. Royston Esq; for sheriff of London and Middlesex. *LP.*—— Rawstern. *C. DJ.*

On friday the right hon. the earl of Salisbury gave the Rectory of Calverton in Buckinghamshire, worth 200*l.* per ann. to the rev. Mr. Hammond, archdeacon of Dorset. *DA.* —— Rector of Walton in Hertfordshire. *DP.*

On monday the lords of the admiralty sent orders for six months provisions to be put on board the fleet under Adm. Norris, &c. by the middle of next month, which will consist of 52 men of war of the line, besides some fregates, &c. *P.*

There were yesterday 404 members in the house of Commons, on the Pension bill, besides the tellers; and abundance of admirable speeches made on both sides. *LP.*

The lord Visc Bolingbroke accompanies the earl of Berkley, and his son the lord Dursley to France. *LP.*

The South-sea company find so many difficulties, and such conditions to their prejudice, in selling their trade, that at last they will be obliged to keep the same: This is the common report upon the Royal Exchange. *P.*

The great sewer from Pall-mall to Whitehall, stopt on saturday, which occasioned an inundation in several houses in Scotland-yard, particularly in one, where the flood, came into the beds, and was yesterday above 4 feet deep on the floor. *P.*

Hen Rogers, who murdered 2 of the officers of the sheriff of Cornwall, is taken in the West. *DA.*

Married, a few days since Ric. Crowle, of the middle Temple Esq; to Miss Pearman of Salisbury court, a fortune of 30,000 l.

Died a few days since Geo. Parker, Esq; of Chichester in Sussex. *DA.* —— On monday dropt down dead suddenly Hugh Williams, Esq; —— The same day Mr. Fenton, secretary to the hon. Arthur Onslow, Esq; *DP.* Yesterday in Holley street, Tho. Blake, Esq; *C.*

Yesterday a boat being, by a sudden squall of wind, overset between Chelsea and the neat-houses at Mill-bank, the waterman, and 1 or 2 passengers were drowned. —— The same day another was overset near Somerset house, and a man and 2 women drowned. *C.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

EPIGRAM.

Let Grub-street authors puff my *Drop* and *Pill*,
Tell whom they cure; but never whom they kill.
This must not be: for one death frightens more,
Than cures incourage wrought upon a score.
Such informations to *ward* off I'll trie,
And foes with legal *Informations* plie.
Then o'er Great Britain shall my terror spread,
To make the living silent as the dead;
Or else to praise me with one general hum,
When all are mad, or blind, or deaf, or dumb.

MAVIUS.

Since our last, we have received *The Petition of the Actresses*, &c.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Ap.* 17. — *Paris, Ap.* 23. The Imperialists in Italy are reduced by sickness to 25,000 men; and the Allies have four times that number. *P. DP.*

FRIDAY, *Ap.* 18. —— *Paris, Ap.* 23. The king has forbidden all colonels and inferior officers to lodge themselves in any house, barn, &c. in the field, tho' it be in the middle of the camp. —— The Imperialists in the Mantuan want forage so much, that horses are sold off towards the town, each at the rate of 3 pols, which is about 8 s. 6 d. —— There is no likelihood of our fitting out one man of war this campaign; we content ourselves with such vessels as we can make use of upon the Rhine, which will be pretty secure from any maritime power in Europe. *DJ.*

The conversation at Paris is wholly employed upon a seeking new victory which king Stanislaus is said to have sent by an extraordinary courier, *viz.* That the Poles had drawn the duke of Saxe-Weissenfells into an ambuscade, cut off no less than 15,000 men, and taken 700 prisoners, with all their baggage. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Apr.* 19. —— They write from Koningsberg of the 15th, that there are actually in that town, with king Stanislaus, 45 palatines, starosts, castellans, bishops, prelates, and officers of the crown; besides 24 marshals and 50 deputies from the palatine of Poland, 12 marshals and 24 deputies from Lithuania, and above a 100 private gentlemen. *C. DP. DJ. DA.* —— Letters from Warsaw assure, there were but 4 bishops, 9 palatins, and 2 nuncios, at the *Senatus consilium*, held lately by *Augustus. DA.* ——— Other letters say, that king Stanislaus's parties plunder almost within sight of Warsaw. *DP.*

By the mail from Holland we learn, that there have been only skirmishes and ambuscades in Poland, with a little plunder; and that this manner of carrying on the war will in time weaken and ruin the best armies that foreigners can send into that kingdom; whereas, tho' the Polish army may be dissipated, it cannot be destroyed. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Ap.* 21, The Spaniards found in the citadel of Messina 250 pieces of cannon, of which 150 were brass, 45 mortars, and a vast quantity of all sorts of ammunition. *C. DJ. DA. LP.* ——— 40 mortars. *DJ.*

The Spaniards threaten to send 40,000 men to the frontiers, and yet it is certain that there are but 15,000 regular troops in Spain. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Apr.* 22. —— *Temeswaer, Mar.* 22. A Walachian, called Jonas Rovin, died some days since in this Bannate aged 172, having lived with his wife 147 years, who attained the age of 164. They had during that time, 2 sons and 2 daughters, the youngest son being now 90. *C.*

WEDNESDAY, *Ap.* 23. The Imperialists and the French are equally preparing to take the field. The struggle will be who shall first pass the Rhine; a matter of so much consequence, that which army soever first crosses the river, carries the war into the enemies country. —— Our letters from Italy confirm, that the Allies intend to make the ensuing campaign for ever memorable, by undertaking the siege of Mantua; a place reckon'd impregnable, having its situation in a lake 5 miles long. *DA.*

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